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Abstract

Barker, Fuller and Wright families

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Family from Bath, ME

Papers of the Wright, Fuller, and Barker families of Bath, ME. Includes published books and pamphlets owned by the families, as well as correspondence, newspaper clippings, and other materials related to family members. The majority of the items in this collection relate to Dr. Byron Fuller Barker (1872-1932), of Bath. Also includes materials related to Samuel C. Barker (1838-1874), Dr. Andrew J. Fuller (1822-1897), Julia A. Fuller (1842-1921), Eliza B. Marble (1846-1926), Henry C. Wright (1878-1950), and Mildred Todd (Barker) Wright (1880-1975).

Items donated by Dr. and Mrs. Norman W. Ofslager, from the estate of Mildred Wright: G77.86.

Finding aid in repository; folder level control

Added entries: Autographs; Barker, Byron Fuller, Dr. (1872-1932); Barker, Samuel C. (1838-1874); Diaries; Fuller, Andrew J., Dr. (1822-1897); Fuller, Julia A. (1842-1921); Marble, Eliza B. (1846-1926); Medicine; Wright, Henry C. (1878-1950); Wright, Mildred (Todd) Barker (1880-1975.

Acquisition

Items in this collection were donated by Dr. and Mrs. Norman W. Ofslager, from the estate of Mildred Wright. The collection is identified by the accession number G77.86. Mildred Wright's house and its contents were bequeathed to the Patten Free Library. Because their History Room had not yet been established, and there was no Bath Historical Society at that time, these papers came to this institution despite their having little maritime content.

Restrictions

There are no restrictions on the use of these papers.

Physical Condition

The majority of these papers are in good physical condition. Some of the bindings are very loose or have become detached from the book. In addition, many of the pages are discolored at the edges. The majority of the newspaper clippings are discolored and somewhat brittle, but clearly legible.

Historical Note

Dr. Andrew J. Fuller was born on 15 September 1822, in Paris, Maine. He married Harriet Marston (1819-1888), and in 1847 came to Bath from Searsmont to establish a medical practice. He continued his work as a physician from that time until his death in January of 1897. The Fullers had three children, Hannah (1844-1845), Byron (1846-1862) who died of typhoid fever, and Julia A. (1842-1921).

Samuel C. Barker was born in 1838, the son of Captain Samuel Barker (1810-1897) and Caroline Heath Barker. He was the only one of three children to survive to maturity. At the time of his death in 1874 he was employed at the Alma Steam Mill Company in Bath. Samuel C. Barker married Julia A. Fuller in December of 1871. They had one son, Byron Fuller Barker, who was born in Bath on 19 November 1872.

Byron Fuller Barker graduated from Bowdoin College in 1893 and completed his medical training at Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia in 1896. He returned to Bath, where he established a medical practice, which he continued for thirty-six years until his death on 29 April 1932 from severe appendicitis,

Byron Fuller Barker married Mildred Todd, the daughter of Orville and Carrie Todd of Bath, on 14 December 1910. Mildred Todd Barker, born in 1880, was a nurse and later a trustee of Bath Memorial Hospital and of the Old Ladies Home in Bath, and also a supporter of the Patten Free Library. Her mother divorced her father and later married Marshall M. Card.

In 1937 Mildred Todd Barker married Henry C. Wright (1878-1950), a naval architect and draftsman who served as president of the Patten Free Library Association and of the Bath Memorial Hospital, and was elected a member of the Maine House of Representatives. Mildred Todd Barker Wright died in August of 1975.

Eliza Blinn was born in Dresden, Maine, on 16 September 1846 and married Henry Coker Marble (1845-1901). They had one daughter, Minnie, about 1868. Eliza B. Marble died in Bath on 19 March 1926. The Marble family had no apparent connection to the Fuller or Barker families.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of both books and loose documents owned by or relating to members of the Barker, Fuller, and Wright families. Boxes 1 and 2 contain published and unpublished bound material, including schoolbooks owned by Byron Barker and Samuel Barker (Box 1, folders 4 and 5), medical journals (Box 1, folders 1, 2, and 3), and journals and autograph books of female members of the family (Box 1, folders 9 and 10).

Loose documents in this collection include mostly newspaper clippings relating to family members, as well as some correspondence. Many of these are in the envelopes in which family members placed them. Box 3, folder 1, contains several bookmarks done in cross-stitch on perforated paper and mounted on ribbons. Box 3, folder 4 includes a wallet which belonged to Henry C. Wright. A photograph of Samuel Barker is included in Box 3, folder 1; a photograph of Byron Barker as a child is included in Box 3, folder 2.

Container List

Box 1:

Folder 1: periodical, *The British and Foreign Medico-Chirurgical Review or Quarterly Journal of Practical Medicine and Surgery No. VIII October 1849*
2: booklet, *Typhoid Fever, With Some New Notions Regarding Its Treatment* 1894
3: booklet, *Bulletin of the American Academy of Medicine: Handbook 1901-1902*
4: schoolbook, *Atlas Designed to Illustrate the Malte-Brun School Geography*, 1835
5: schoolbook, *Goodrich's National Geography*, 1848
6: book. *The Christian's Consolation; or the Preciousness of Christ to All Who Believe*, 1815
7: booklet, *Youth's Instructor and Sabbath School and Bible Class Assistant*, July 1829
8: booklet, *Arthur Sewall Hyde (1875-1920): An Appreciation*.
9: Autograph book of Mrs. Eliza B. Marble, 1819
10: Journal of Julia A. Fuller, 10 May 1856-21 March 1858
11: Notebook containing grammar and history lessons, Byron Fuller Barker, undated

Box 2:

Folder 1: book. *Plymouth Collection of Hymns for the Use of Christian Congregations*, 1863 Cover embossed "S. Barker"
2: book. *Memoirs of the Life and Writings of the Rev. Claudius Buchanan DD, Late Vice-Provost of the College of Fort William in Bengal*, 1818

Box 3:

Folder 1: Andrew J. Fuller and family papers; Samuel Barker papers 1848-1882
Folder 2: Byron Fuller Barker and Mildred (Todd) Barker papers 1888-1899 and undated
Folder 3: Byron Fuller Barker and Mildred (Todd) Barker papers 1902-1932
Folder 4: Henry C. Wright and Mildred (Todd) Barker Wright papers 1872 -1950

Additional Resources:

Additional information on Mildred Wright and on the Fuller, Barker, and Marble families can be found in the Sagahadoc History and Genealogy Room of the Patten Free Library in Bath. Also, portraits of Dr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Fuller and their son Byron Fuller can be seen in the reading room of the Patten Free Library, and there is a photograph of Mildred Wright near the sign in the reference room dedicating the new wing given in memory of her husbands.